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SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature I think that the last two amendments bring it all out into the open. Sunshine is fine as long as the sunshines over in that corner and not on you. Now, I am a lawyer. I suppose like my fellow lawyers here I should be getting up and screaming, oh golly, we don't want the sunshine over in this corner. But, I'm not going to say that, because you see I am in some of these other businesses that we want the Sunshine on. Everybody is eager to have anybody that holds any land make complete reports on that, and I'm willing to do it. But, then supposedly it is destroying the bill and hurting the bill and weakening the bill when we add, and if you have any of these other interests, stocks, bonds, etc., etc., you put that on the paper too and file that. That is bad, that is weakening it. Well, now what kind of logic is that? I think that you had better look at who is behind the bill. We have never talked about the real issue here. The real issue is, is this thing really necessary? Somehow it has become a sacred cow and to oppose it you can't do so we do a variety of other things. I do oppose it, I think that it is unnecessary. Unless you can demonstrate a serious problem in this state that we are going to correct, and I don't believe that anybody can, I believe that if there was a serious problems that these news boys would have had it exposed time and time again. I believe that probably our politics in this state is about the cleanest in any state that you are going to find. So, why yield to black mail and pressure and pass something that is going to disrupt and destroy the effectiveness of our political system. The bill is bad. Admit that. But, if you want to have the bill then let that sun just blare down on everybody. Lawyers like myself, and like the sponsors of the bill, land holders, people on welfare have them report too. Senators that have any interests, politicians that have interests in anything, tell everything. Then see how many people want to stay in politics. Tell what your family does. Tell what your relatives do, and their problems, put it all there. That is what it is all about. Who are the people behind it again? They are people that generally don't have any interest in anything and are wanting to make sure that they know everybody else's interests in everything. Unless you can demonstrate that there is some overwhelming corruption, some problem that needs to be cleaned up, quit playing around with trash like this. It is a bad bill. Admit it. If they decide to put it on the ballot, if they can get it on, and if the people are foolish enough to vote for it, which I don't believe, and I'm willing to accept that black-mail risk, if the people are foolish enough to put something like that on the books then let the people suffer the consequences of having a system in which that you have nobody in it except people that have no interest in society.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think that we should let the sun fade slowly in the west and turn this into the sundown bill and I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Record.